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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSE ALVARADO, JIMENA  
ALVARADO, ERIKA ALVARADO,  
and MARCUS ALVARADO, in each  
case individually and as successor in  
interest to Delfino Avila, deceased,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO and  
DOES 1-10, inclusive.

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:24-cv-00088-JGB-SHK

**STIPULATION RE: PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

**[DISCOVERY DOCUMENT;  
REFERRED TO MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE]**

Plaintiffs, JOSE ALVARADO, JIMENA ALVARADO, ERIKA  
ALVARADO, and MARCUS ALVARADO, on the one hand, and Defendant  
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, on the other, by and through their respective  
counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

**1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,  
proprietary or private information for which special protection from public  
disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may

1 be warranted.

2 Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter  
3 the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order  
4 does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and  
5 that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the  
6 limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the  
7 applicable legal principles.

8 The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this  
9 Stipulated Protective Order does not automatically entitle them to file confidential  
10 information under seal and that Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that  
11 must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks  
12 permission from the Court to file material under seal. The parties agree that this  
13 protective order does not waive the parties' rights to object to discovery demands  
14 or requests for documents and/or information.

15 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

16 This litigation relates to the November 3, 2022 shooting death of Delfino  
17 Avila by a City of San Bernardino Police Department police officer. The relevant  
18 evidence in this case includes, but is not limited to, body-worn camera footage,  
19 police reports, witness statements, and information about individuals who are not  
20 parties to this litigation. The evidence in this action may also involve confidential  
21 law enforcement investigative files and records. The evidence in this action also  
22 may involve private medical and/or psychological records related to plaintiffs and  
23 decedent.

24 The Parties submit that good cause exists to enter the proposed protective  
25 order to balance the parties' concerns that the documents consist of confidential  
26 and private information concerning the parties to this litigation, which is protected  
27 by, among other things, the right to privacy, the official information privilege, law  
28 enforcement privilege, and as protected by the California and United States  
Constitution.

Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the Parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

**2.1 Action:** Jose Alvarado, et al. v. City of San Bernardino, et al. 5:24-cv-00088-JGB-SHK.

**2.2 Challenging Party:** A Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

**2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items:** Information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that a Designating Party believes is entitled to confidential treatment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Purposes and Good Cause Statements. This also includes (1) any information copied or extracted from the Confidential information; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, abstracts or compilations of Confidential information; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations that might reveal Confidential information.

**2.4 Counsel:** Counsel of record and House Counsel for the parties to this civil litigation and their support staff.

**2.5 Designating Party:** A Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

**2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material:** All items or information,

1 regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained  
2 (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are  
3 produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

4 **2.7 Expert:** A person with specialized knowledge or experience in a  
5 matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to  
6 serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

7 **2.8 Final Disposition:** When this Action has been fully and completely  
8 terminated by way of settlement, dismissal, trial and/or appeal.

9 **2.9 House Counsel:** Attorneys other than Counsel (as defined in  
10 paragraph 2.4) and who are employees of a party to this Action.

11 **2.10 Non-Party:** Any natural person, partnership, corporation, association  
12 or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

13 **2.11 Outside Counsel of Record:** Attorneys who are not employees of a  
14 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action  
15 and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law  
16 firm that has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

17 **2.12 Party:** Any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,  
18 boards, departments, divisions, employees, consultants, retained experts, and  
19 Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

20 **2.13 Producing Party:** A Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or  
21 Discovery Material in this Action.

22 **2.14 Professional Vendors:** Persons or entities that provide litigation  
23 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or  
24 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)  
and their employees and subcontractors.

25 **2.15 Protected Material:** Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is  
26 designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

27 **2.16 Receiving Party:** A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery  
28 Material from a Producing Party.

1     **3.     SCOPE**

2             The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only  
3 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or  
4 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, abstracts, summaries, or  
5 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any deposition testimony,  
6 conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal  
7 Protected Material. However, if the receiving party has the Protected Material  
8 from a source other than the Producing Party, that independently obtained  
9 information is not subject to this Order unless it was marked confidential and  
10 subject to a Protective Order itself.

11             Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the  
12 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

13     **4.     DURATION**

14             Once a trial commences in this Action, information that was designated as  
15 CONFIDENTIAL or maintained pursuant to this protective order and that is  
16 introduced or admitted as an exhibit at trial becomes public and will be  
17 presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless  
18 compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are  
19 made to the trial judge in advance of the trial. See *Kamakana v. City and County of*  
20 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing “good cause”  
21 showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons”  
22 standard when merits-related documents are part of court record). Accordingly, the  
23 terms of this protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial  
24 as to the CONFIDENTIAL information and materials introduced or admitted as an  
25 exhibit at trial.

26     **5.     DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

27         **5.1     Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for**  
28         **Protection.**

1 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection  
2 under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material  
3 that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must  
4 designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items or oral or  
5 written communications that qualify so that other portions of the material,  
6 documents, items or communications for which protection is not warranted are not  
7 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

8 Mass, indiscriminate or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations  
9 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper  
10 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to  
11 impose unnecessary delay, expenses and/or burdens on other parties) may expose  
12 the Designating Party to sanctions.

13 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it  
14 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must  
15 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

16 **5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations.** Except as otherwise  
17 provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as  
18 otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for  
19 protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is  
20 disclosed or produced.

21 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

22 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
23 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
24 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend  
25 "CONFIDENTIAL" or words of a similar effect, and that includes the case name  
26 and case number (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that  
27 contains protected material. If only a portion of the material on a page qualifies for  
28 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)  
(e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins). The marking of a

1 document as CONFIDENTIAL may not obscure or obliterate any part of the  
2 document so marked.

3 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection  
4 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated  
5 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and  
6 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be  
7 deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the  
8 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine  
9 which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order.  
10 Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix  
11 the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" to each page that contains Protected Material. If  
12 only a portion of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing  
13 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
14 appropriate markings in the margins without obscuring the document so marked.)

15 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identifies  
16 the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the  
17 deposition all protected testimony.

18 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for  
19 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the  
20 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend  
21 "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants  
22 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the  
23 protected portion(s).

24 **5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate.** If timely corrected, an  
25 inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing  
26 alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for  
27 such material. Upon timely correction of an inadvertent failure to designate, the  
28 Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated  
in accordance with the provisions of this Order.



1     **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

2             **6.1 Timing of Challenges.** Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
3 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's  
4 Scheduling Order.

5             **6.2 Meet and Confer.** The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute  
6 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

7             **6.3** The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be  
8 on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper  
9 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
10 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating  
11 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall  
12 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
13 entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the  
14 challenge.

15     **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

16             **7.1 Basic Principles.** A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that  
17 is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with  
18 this Action only for prosecuting, defending or attempting to settle this Action.  
19 Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and  
20 under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been  
21 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below  
(FINAL DISPOSITION).

22             Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a  
23 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons  
24 authorized under this Order.

25             **7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items.** Unless  
26 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
27 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
28 "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:



1 (a) the Receiving Party's Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as  
2 employees of said Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to  
3 disclose the information for this Action, the parties;

4 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of  
5 the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

6 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
7 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the  
8 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

9 (d) the court and its personnel.

10 (e) court reporters and their staff;

11 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
12 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have  
13 signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

14 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
15 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

16 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the  
17 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing  
18 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit "A" hereto; and  
19 (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign  
20 the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit "A"), unless  
21 otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
22 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected  
23 Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed  
24 to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

25 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,  
26 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

27 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**  
28 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

1 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation  
2 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as  
3 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

4 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall  
5 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

6 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
7 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena  
8 or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy  
9 of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

10 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued  
11 by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

12 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order in the action in  
13 which the subpoena or order was issued, the Party served with the subpoena or  
14 court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as  
15 “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena  
16 or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission.  
17 However, if the Designating Party has not obtained from a court a delay in the  
18 production date, or an order to quash the subpoena, then the Party that received the  
19 subpoena may comply so as to avoid failure to meet subpoena deadlines. The  
20 Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that  
21 court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be  
22 construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey  
23 a lawful directive from another court.

24 **9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**  
25 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

26 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-  
27 Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information  
28 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the

1 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be  
2 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

3 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to  
4 produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is  
5 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's  
6 confidential information, then the Party shall:

7 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party  
8 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a  
9 confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

10 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated  
11 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and  
12 a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

13 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the  
14 Non-Party, if requested.

15 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14  
16 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party  
17 may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery  
18 request.

19 If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall  
20 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the  
21 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.  
22 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and  
23 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

24 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

25 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has  
26 disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized  
27 under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a)  
28 notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its  
best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform

1 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms  
2 of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the  
3 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit  
4 A.

5 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR**  
6 **OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL**

7 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain  
8 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other  
9 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal  
10 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify  
11 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for  
12 production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence  
13 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure  
14 of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or  
15 work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the  
16 stipulated protective order submitted to the court.

17 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

18 **12.1 Right to Further Relief.** Nothing in this Order abridges the right of  
19 any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

20 **12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections.** By stipulating to the entry of this  
21 Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to  
22 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in  
23 this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on  
24 any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective  
Order.

25 **12.3 Filing Protected Material.** A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
26 Protected Material must comply with Local Civil Rule 79-5. Protected Material  
27 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
28 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party’s request to file Protected Material

1 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information  
2 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

3 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

4 After the FINAL DISPOSITION of this Action, as defined in paragraph 2.8,  
5 within 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party  
6 must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party. As used in this  
7 subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,  
8 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
9 Material. The Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing  
10 Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day  
11 deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected  
12 Material that was returned and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained  
13 any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or  
14 capturing any of the Protected Material.

15 Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival  
16 copy of all pleadings, discovery, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing  
17 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
18 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if  
19 such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or  
20 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in  
21 Section 4 (DURATION).

22 **14. VIOLATION**

23 Any violation of this Order may be punished by appropriate measures  
24 including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.

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1 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

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3 DATED: September 4, 2024 LAW OFFICES OF DALE K. GALIPO

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15 BERNARDINO. a public entity

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22 ***IT IS SO ORDERED.***

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24 Dated: September 5, 2024 By:   
25 HONORABLE SHASHI H. KEWALRAMANI  
26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name],  
of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare  
under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the  
Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for  
the Central District of California on \_\_\_\_\_ in the case of Jose Alvarado,  
et al. v. City of San Bernardino, et al. 5:24-cv-00088-JGB-SHK. I agree to comply  
with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I  
understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to  
sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will  
not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated  
Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the  
provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District  
Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms  
of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur  
after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_